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PLS PASS UNHCR

EO: 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM LOCAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION  
AND POST AT ITS DISCRETION REQUESTED PASS DIRECTLY UNHCR:

QUOTE:

H.H. PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA-KHAN  
U.N.H.C.R. GENEVA (SWITZERLAND)

THE PLIGHT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUNG REFUGEES MOSTLY STUDENTS  
FROM ETHIOPIA NOT BELONGING TO THE PRINCIPAL ETHNIC GROUPS  
OF THE POPULATION OF DJIBOUTI HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED  
WITH YOUR REGIONAL PROGRAMME OFFICER DR. PETER VAN KRIEKEN  
FROM BEIRUT AT SANAA ON JUNE 1, 1977 STOP SUBSEQUENTLY SUB-  
STANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM UNHCR TO EVACUATE THE REFUGEES TO  
VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF AFRICA EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST HAD  
BEEN ANTICIPATED AT LEAST FOR THOSE HOLDING VALID FRENCH  
LAISSEZ-PASSER WITH CORRESPONDING VISA STOP PROLONGED DELAY  
ON UNHCR ACTION HAS CAUSED GRAVE RISKS FOR THE LIVES OF  
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THESE REFUGEES WHO ARE NOW VIRTUALLY ABANDONED SINCE THE  
BIRTHDAY OF THE NEW REPUBLIC STOP THEY ARE RAPIDLY INCREA-  
SING IN NUMBER, HAVE NO VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, NO PLACE TO  
GO, NO MEANS FOR EXISTENCE AND NO PROTECTION WHILE LIVING IN  
A COMMUNITY WITH PROGRESSIVELY HOSTILE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE  
ANXIOUS AND EAGER TO HAVE THEM EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY BY  
ANY MEANS STOP THE GRAVITY AND URGENCY OF THE SITUATION CANNOT

BE OVEREMPHASIZED STOP UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE RESPON-  
SIBILITY FOR THE INEVITABLE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WILL BE AND  
SHOULD BE PRIMARILY YOURS IF THE ENVISAGED ASSISTANCE TO EVA-  
CUATE THESE REFUGEES IS DELAYED ANY FURTHER STOP I APPEAL TO YOU  
ON THEIR BEHALF FOR APPROPRIATE SUPREME ACTION OF UTMOST URGENCY  
TO AVERT AN EXPLOSION OF THIS HIGHLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AND  
RESOLVE THE PROBLEM AS HUMANELY AS POSSIBLE STOP WILL BE GRATE-  
FUL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE  
WILL TELEPHONE FROM PARIS NEXT WEEK FOR CONFIRMATION STOP  
WITH MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND THANKS

SEIFU ZELEKE, CHAIRMAN  
ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES SELF-HELP ORGANIZATION  
REGISTERED IN LONDON

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